THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) to (c) The Government of India had appointed the Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI) as a consultant to examine the need and necessity of an Independent Regulator for coal sector and if required to define its role and functions. ASCI has submitted its report in the matter, which is under consideration.

**New coal mines**

1019. SHRI O.T LEPCHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

the details of new coal mines proposed to be started in the country during the year 2007-08;

if so, the State-wise/mine-wise/company-wise details thereof;

the details of such coal mines proposed to be started in private/Government sector; and

the details of target fixed for production of coal by these coal mines during the next two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) to (d) Following new coal projects of Coal India Limited (CIL) are planned to start contribution fi-om the year 2007-08 (Excluding Expansion projects). The details are as under:

| | | | | | | | Projected Production (MTE) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SIN | Subsi-diary | Slate | Name of Project | Capacity (MTY) | Capital (Rs. Crores) | 2007-2008 | 2008-2009 | 2009-2010 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 1 | NCL | Madhya Pradesh | Block B | Open-cast | 3.50 | 746.04 | 1.90 | 2.00 | 2.50 |
| 2 | NCL | Uttar Pradesh | Krishnashila | Open-cast | 4.00 | 789.88 | 0.20 | 2.00 | 3.00 |
| 3 | WCL | Mahara-shtra | Durgapur RYT 6, 7&8 | Under-ground | 0.32 | 13.61 | 0.03 | 0.10 | 0.20 |
| 4 | SECL | Chhattis-garh | Damini | Under-ground | 0.48 | 39.32 | 0.02 | 0 170 | 0.35 |
| 5 | MCL | Orissa | Bhubane-swari | Open-cast | 10,00 | 336.68 | 0.50 | 1 50 | 4.00 |
| | | | TOTAL | | 1830 | 1925.56 | 2.65 | 5.77 | 10.05 |

*Subsidiary

Northern Coalfields Ltd (NCL),

Northern Coalfields Ltd. (NCL),

Western CoalFields Ltd. (WCL),

South Eastern Coalfields Ltd (SECL),

Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. (MCL).

FoUowing mines of Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) are planned to open during 2007-08:

| SI. No. | Mine | Capacity (MT) | Sanctioned Capital (Rs. Crores) | Target (MTPA) 2008-2009 | Target (MTPA) 2009-10 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | SRP Open Cast I | 0.60 | 48.93 | 0.60 | 0.60 |
| 2 | Khairagura Expansion | 1.78 | 92.46 | 2.50 | 2iO |
| 3 | DorIi Opencast I | 0.70 | 48.68 | 0.70 | 0.70 |
| 4 | Dorii Opencast II | 0.70 | 47.67 | 0.70 | 0.70 |
| 5 | JVROCl Expansion | 0.90 | 39.98 | 0.90 | 0.90 |
| 6 | RG Opencast I Expansion | 0.10 | 88.10 | liO | liO |
| | TOTAL: | 6.18 | 365.82 | 6.90 | 6.90 |

All the mines of SCCL are located in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

**Review of private sector ownership of coal mines**

1020. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that all coal mines are owned by public sector, private sector and joint sector;

if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

whether Government are considering review of private sector ownership of coal mines;

if so, the details thereof; and

if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) and (b) Coal mines are owned by either a public sector company or private sector company or joint venture company. Besides the Coal India Limited (CIL), a public sector undertaking (PSU) and the Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. (SCCL), a joint venture company of the Government of India and the Government of Andhra Pradesh, there are 172 coal blocks allocated to other public as well as private sector companies. The table below indicates the number of mines/coal blocks owned by Public Sector and Private Sector Companies;

**Number of mines/blocks**

| State | CIL | SCCL | PSUs other than CIL and SCCL | Private Companies |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| West Bengal | 96 | | 13 | 2 |
| Jharkhand | 159 | | 26 | 21 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 4 | | — | — |
| Madhya Pradesh | 73 | | 11 | 9 |